

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **October 22, 2009** @ 4:00
Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Lennon, Signor, Parker and Rodriguez

Staff Present: Chief Cam Sanchez, Fire Chief Andy DiMizio, Councilmember Iya Falcone, Assistant City Attorney David McDermott, Lieutenant Dave Whitham and Secretary, Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Parker to approve minutes of **September 24, 2009**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

None

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. PLAN SANTA BARBARA PRESENTATION (Paul Casey and John Ledbetter)

Community Development Director Paul Casey and Project Manager for Plan Santa Barbara, John Ledbetter gave a presentation on Plan Santa Barbara:

- Multi Year Planning Process
- Includes land use element; housing element; safety element, transportation and circulation elements
- Comprehensive look and update on plan; classic issues such as housing, transportation and density; more growth? Where? How should it occur? Environmental impacts on traffic and water; safety and law enforcement issues play into that
- Lots of public outreach
- Must prepare an Environmental Impact Report; hope to release this in February of 2010

- Planning Commission is lead commission to make recommendations to City Council; back to Council by summer of 2010
- General Plans generally have a 20 year life span; late 70's was last comprehensive update
- 2005 began with a baseline study to assess where the City stands
- Encourage commissioners to go online and read the report/specifically police & fire
- Safety element very important; proper ratio of officers per thousand population/during festivals, etc.
- Growth management very important part of plan; logical place for growth is in the downtown area
- Paul Casey said their department works very closely with police and fire
- Q & A with Commissioners followed

8. PRESENTATION ON HATE CRIMES IN SANTA BARBARA (Lt. Whitham)

- Vice Chair Parker invited David Selberg, Dir. Of Pacific Pride; Exec. Board members of ACLU; Mike Foley, Dir. Of Casa Esperanza; Gary Linker, Dir. Of New Beginnings
- Lt. Whitham gave copies to Commissioners of SBPD's Policy 338, which defines hate crimes
- Incidences of hate crimes need to be reported every month to FBI
- Total of 13 hate crimes in Santa Barbara since 2006
- Lt. Whitham and Chief met with David Selberg earlier in the day; PD has long standing relationship with Pacific Pride Foundation
- David Selberg spoke about the purposes and programs offered by Pacific Pride Foundation and also its positive relationship with the Police Department and Chief Sanchez; sensitivity training to take place with officers
- Lt. Whitham stated that there is mandated training that officers receive; Versadex allows officers to capture all information where previously information may have fallen through the cracks regarding "hate crimes."
- Attacks on homeless are not classified as hate crimes
- Gary Linker and Mike Foley spoke about the importance of looking at things differently; thanked Councilmember Falcone & Chief Sanchez for looking at the problems at the ball field as a drug problem and not a homeless problem; situation has improved significantly; discussed putting a joint commission together on how to deal with homeless death and violence; wants crimes against homeless to be tagged as a hate crime
- Gary Linker discussed homeless who live in their vehicles "Safe Parking Program;"
- Remarkably positive response to Ofc. Casey on State St. with regards to Restorative Policing Program; Ofc. Hove is doing well
- Councilmember Falcone stated that all police officers have been trained in restorative policing
- Chief Sanchez told Commissioners and others about the inter-agency CIT Training seminar that will be held in January
- Vice Chair Parker thanked everyone for coming.
- Some discussion followed with representatives from the different agencies attending

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- No significant calls this month
- Dealing with several "nuisance" calls; arson call at Macy's
- Uptake in traffic accidents; 11 car pileup on Cliff Dr.

- Ribbon cutting event tomorrow; open house following day for the public
- Battalion Chief Pat McElroy doing an excellent job formulating firefighters handling media contacts instead of one centralized person
- Lost full time Public Education Coordinator due to budget cuts
- Prepared for rain event; this was successful
- Announce new Fire Chief in the next few days

9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Detectives working on a gang related assault that happened yesterday at Milpas & Freeway; victim is very cooperative
- Suspect in the Tacadena murder was given 50 years to life by Judge Ochoa
- January will be Employee Recognition dinner
- Monday, Chief & Staff will visit Hancock College to tour the Academy
- Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the Chief for helping out Magda Arroyo at the Boys & Girls Club

ADJORN: 5:30